

Intimation.

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Hongkong, 31st October, 1896.

[1635]

Today's
Advertisements.IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCE NO. 2 OF 1893,
ANDIN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF SIDNEY
LAWRENCE, OF NO. 150, QUEEN STREET,
MEMORABLE IN THE COLONY OF VICTORIA,
AUSTRALIA, ENGINEER, FOR LETTERS
PATENT FOR THE EXCLUSIVE USE WITHIN
THE COLONY OF HONGKONG, OF AN INVEN-
TION FOR "IMPROVEMENTS IN
MECHANISM FOR AND MODE OF
MARINE PROPULSION."NOTICE is hereby given that the
DECLARATION required by the above
Ordinance have been duly filed in the Office
of the COLONIAL SECRETARY OF HONGKONG and
that it is the intention of the said SIDNEY
LAWRENCE, by HENRY LARDNER DENNIS,
his duly authorized Agent and Attorney, to apply
at the Sittings of the Executive Council hereinafter
mentioned for LETTERS PATENT for the
exclusive Use within the said Colony of
Hongkong of the above-named Invention.And Notice is also hereby given that a Siting of
the Executive Council, before whom the
matter of the said Petition will come for decision,
will be held in the COUNCIL CHAMBERS, at the
GOVERNMENT OFFICE, VICTORIA, HONGKONG, on
SATURDAY, the 14th November, 1896, at
9.30 A.M.

Dated the 30th day of October, 1896.

H. L. DENNIS,
Solicitor,64, Queen's Road Central,
Agent for the said
SIDNEY LAWRENCE.

[1675]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship

"MELENAUS,"

Captain T. W. will be despatched as above
TO-MORROW, the 31st instant, at Daylight.For Freight or Passage, apply to
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Agents.

Hongkong, 30th October, 1896. [1617]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI.

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for NINGPO, CHEFOO, NEWCHANG,
TIENSIN, HANKOW and PORTS on the
YANGTZEK.)

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"AGAMEMNON,"

Captain Stevens, will be despatched as above
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Agents.

Hongkong, 30th October, 1896. [1670]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR CHEFOO AND TIENSIN.

THE Company's Steamship

"KWEIYANG,"

Captain Osterbride, will be despatched as above
on SUNDAY, the 31st November, at Daylight.For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 30th October, 1896. [1636]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.

THE Company's Steamship

"HAIMUN,"

Captain Bathurst, will be despatched for the
above Ports on TUESDAY, the 3rd November,
at Daylight.For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LARRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 30th October, 1896. [1678]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR MANILA.

THE Company's Steamship

"SUNGKIANG,"

Captain C. B. M. Dodd, will be despatched as
above on TUESDAY, the 3rd November.For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 30th October, 1896. [1677]

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

To follow the S.S. *Asiatic*.

THE Steamship

"CLAVERTHILL,"

Captain L. Wigley, will be despatched for the
above Port on or about the 4th November.For Freight or Passage, apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 30th October, 1896. [1670]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND
PORTS, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

THE Company's Steamship

"CHINGTU,"

Captain Innes, will be despatched on SATUR-
DAY, the 14th November, at 3 P.M.The attention of Passengers is directed to the
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Hongkong, 30th October, 1896. [1668]

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HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

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THE FINAL COMPETITION of this Series
will take place TO-MORROW (SATUR-
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Commence as before.

Firing will commence at 2.30 P.M. sharp.

The following Members are particularly
requested to attend:—Messrs. BETHUNE, FER-
GUSON, LAMBERT, MANN, McDONALD, MC-
LENNAN, ROBERTSON, STEWART, SHEPHERD,
WROATLEY, WATSON and WOOLDRIDGE.F. SMYTH,
Honorary Secretary.

Hongkong, 30th October, 1896. [1630]

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Hongkong, 3rd May, 1896. [1427]

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pure COGNAC, the difference in price being
merely a question of age and vintage.WHISKEY.—All our Whiskey is of excellent
quality and of greater age than most brands
in the market. The SCOTCH WHISKEY
marked "E" is universally popular, and is
pronounced by the best local connoisseurs
to be superior to any other brand in the
Hongkong market.We only guarantee our WINE AND SPIRITS
to be genuine when bought direct from us in the
Colony or from our authorised Agents at the
Coast Ports.A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.,
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,
Hongkong, 15th September, 1896. [1668]

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1896.

TELEGRAMS.

REUTER'S MESSAGE.

THE UNITED STATES ELECTIONS.

LONDON, October 28th.

Mr. Bryan is striving his utmost to win the
the labour vote, and his success in this direction
in Chicago has caused a depression in stocks
to-day.

(From Rangoon Times.)

THE PLAGUE IN INDIA.

BOMBAY, October 11th.

Nine fresh cases of plague occurred on
Saturday and five to-day, with six deaths, all
being people connected with the grain godowns.
The Government have appointed an expert
committee consisting of Dr. Manser (President),
Dr. Harkling, Dr. Harklin, Dr. Childs and Dr.
Seymour. Their duties are to thoroughly in-
vestigate the sickness, to discover its origin, its
mode of spreading, and the best means of pre-
vention. The two eminent bacteriologists who
are members of this Committee are at present
busily at work collecting specimens and arrang-
ing rooms in the Grant Medical College to serve
as their laboratory. It is expected their
investigations will extend over a period of at
least two months.Ahmedabad reports no fresh cases. The
municipal officials keep a strict watch at the
station over the passengers from Bombay, whose
articles of clothing and parcels are profusely
fumigated before admitting them into the city.

BOMBAY, October 12th.

There is considerable discontent among the
ignorant populace on account of the removal of
sick persons suffering from bubonic fever to
hospital, but the authorities are only acting on
the recommendation of the Committee appointed
by the Government to segregate such persons by
removal to hospital. The Hindus strongly
object to their relatives being removed to hospital.Every day the disease continues to yield to the
stringent measures adopted by the Municipal
executive for the prevention of its growth. Day
by day the fresh cases are falling off steadily and
the death-rate from bubonic fever is now very
small indeed.

BOMBAY, October 15th.

The situation for the last four or five days in
regard to bubonic plague has remained nearly
the same. Yesterday on till ten o'clock ten fresh
cases and five deaths took place. In Monday
ward there were nine cases and three deaths, in
"C" ward one case and one death, and at the
hospital one death.

BOMBAY, October 16th.

The plague returns to-day show 4 new cases
and 8 deaths. The total up to date is 337 cases
and 233 deaths.

THE OUTBREAK IN CALCUTTA.

CALCUTTA, October 12th.

The bubonic plague has made its appearance
in Calcutta proper. It is added to the case
reported at Howrah two cases were reported last
night, one at Bhowanipur suburbs and the other
in the Colootollah section of the town. Both
cases have been isolated at the request of the
Municipality.The Government have deputed Doctor Banks,
Civil Surgeon of Pore, to come to Calcutta im-
mediately and supervise the cleansing of the
city, on a salary of Rs. 1,000 a month.One plague case reported above is that of a
European girl, Grace Hodges, aged seven, the
daughter of a Preventive Officer. The family
frequently receive letters from Bombay.

Later.

Two more cases of plague are just reported,
one a native lad in the Jain bazaar in close
proximity to the European quarter of the town
and Chowringhee. The other patient is a
European, named Gomes, who works as gunner
on board ships and resides in Blackburn's lane
off Bow Bazaar.The plague has therefore now broken out in
almost all the important parts of Calcutta.
Cleansing and disinfecting has been vigorously
pushed forward, but a great deal remains to be
done.

CALCUTTA, October 13th.

Another suspicious case of plague is reported
by the Health Officer this afternoon and one of
the cases previously reported has been removed
to the isolation hospital.

CALCUTTA, October 15th.

The suspicious cases of bubonic plague
reported yesterday have proved on examination
to be ordinary cases of fever. Two other sus-
pected cases were reported to-day and the blood
was taken for examination, but the result is not
yet known.When the Health Officer first announced that
the plague was in Calcutta it caused considerable
excitement, but the excitement has now changed
to ridicule owing to the fact that the
doctors hopelessly disagree as to the real nature
of the disease and because every slight ailment
is being labelled a suspicious case of plague.The two cases conveyed to the isolation
hospital are nearly well and none the worse for
the attack.A special meeting of the Municipal Corpora-
tion has been called for Saturday to consider the
situation. All agree, however, that the plague
scare has been productive of good, for Calcutta
has been cleaned as it never was cleaned before.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A VERY successful race meeting was held at
Peking on the 23rd and 24th inst.On Sunday next, the 1st November, divine ser-
vice will be held on board H.I.G.M. ship *Irma*.
All German residents are invited to attend this
service.THE monthly Carbine Competition of the Maxim
Corps of the Volunteers will take place at
Kowloon to-morrow, Saturday. The cup will
be on view at the Range.H.M.S. *Redpole* is now at Shanghai, the *Pas-
cock* is at Nagasaki, the *Undanmud*, *Grafton*
and *Friedland* are at Yokohama, the *Albatross*
and *Esch* at Shanghai, and the *Zanet*, according
to latest information, is residing at Hakodate
after her long journey from the Behring Sea.HER Majesty's cruiser *Porpoise*, Comdr. F. R.
Pelly, which left Singapore on the 22nd instant,
bound for Colombo, has arrived at her destina-
tion. She is under orders to escort the torpedo-
destroyers *Hurdy* and *Hart* from Colombo to
Singapore and will, after a brief stay at the latter
port, probably convey the "destroyers" to
Hongkong.The Peking and Tientsin Times explains how
the 7,000,000 a year could be saved by abolish-
ing the present system of getting "tribute" rice
to Peking from the provinces.AN express issued this forenoon reminds
members of the British Mercantile Marine
Officers' Association of the Social Evening at
their comfortably furnished rooms in Blue Build-
ings to-morrow, the 31st instant. The Secretary's
notice states that members' friends are cordially
invited to be present.WE hear that the forecasts of the cruiser
Narcissus are to be lengthened to seventy feet,
which will serve as a set-off to her immense
funnels, blades extending her range of signal-
ling several miles. When all her alterations are
completed it is thought she will have much the
appearance of the *Grafton*.THE Hongkong Rovers will play their opening
Cricket Match for this season at Happy Valley
to-morrow (Saturday) at 2.30 p.m. against F.
Company of the Rifle Brigade. The following
will play for the Rovers:—Messrs. Shelly,
Caesar, Buckley, Brown, Horley, Duncan, Kerr,
Harris, Hacker, Hyndman, and Lawrence.MR. K. INOUE, the Managing Director of the
Yokkaido Tanko Tensido Kaisha, a prosperous
company owning the railway system and the
magnificent coal mines of the Hokkaido, Japan,
was recently in Singapore and, says the *Strait
Times*, appointed the Borneo Company, Limited,
sole agents in the Straits for the great Hok-
kaido Company.A RUMOUR has been current that H.M.S.
Rattler is to winter at the port of Chemulpo, in
Korea, but it seems to be entirely without founda-
tion. We regret to state that the two lieutenants
she left behind here the other day, suffering from
fever, are still in the Naval Hospital, but it is to
be hoped that the present cool and bracing
weather will soon have a beneficial effect on
their health.At last the old Tamar shows signs of progress,
the square ports cut in her side having been
glazed and the new spar deck, so long talked of,
is at last materializing. What appears sud-
denly like a diving lighter has been noticed
howling lovingly around her, though, and we can
only express a hope that—her bottom is intact
and will not do the "Vanishing Act" before she
has seen at least a few months' service in her
new rôle as a receiving ship.As will be seen by an advertisement in another
column, a concert is to be given in Victoria Hall,
Dundell Street, to-morrow evening under the
patronage of Colonel Norcott and the Officers of
the Rifle Brigade. The programme is an
excellent one, and includes the great patriotic
song "India's Reply," "The Skipper," scientific
boxing, step dancing, and Private R. Lang, R.B.,
in his "detective camera" act, which latter
is said to be alone worth the price of admission.ABOUT a month ago we called attention to the
nasty drain opened for repairs in Wing Lok
Street which is still uncovered, blocking the
whole street, poisoning the atmosphere and
menacing the health of the inhabitants. The
state of the street entirely prevented the fire-
engines getting within reasonable distance
of the fire reported in our issue of the
28th inst., and consequently long lengths of hose
had to be led down the street, causing a waste
of much valuable time, and greatly increasing
the danger of the fire spreading to the adjoining
houses. Surely fifty yards of drain could be
repaired in less than a month. If not, why not?THE chief feature of the last Paris Exposition
was the Eiffel tower, which is to be spared for
the Exposition of 1900, although at one time its
removal from the Exposition grounds was
seriously considered to make way for something
else. Among the many novel features to be
introduced in the exposition of 1900 will be a
world *en miniature*, which will stand on a
foundation very much resembling that on
which the Eiffel tower stands. The plans
provide for a terrestrial globe, on which
will appear mountains, seas, rivers,
and valleys as they exist on the earth's surface,
described on a mathematically correct but
materially reduced scale. A miniature railway
will encircle the globe. This miniature earth
will be about three-fourths the height of the
Eiffel tower, and will be a more conspicuous
object on the exhibition grounds than even that
marvellous structure.At the Police Court this morning Charles Mc-
Kinley, assistant in the employ of the Electric
Company, was charged with forging a letter.
purporting to have been signed by Mr. W.
Farmer, of the Victoria Hotel. The allegations
against the accused are that he sent the forged
letter, together with a parcel, to Mr. Raymond,
second officer on the *Hafnair*, and asked him to
deliver the parcel, which was supposed to contain
photographic plates, to a hotel keeper in Hal-
phong. As a matter of fact the packet contained
opium and after McKinley had sent it on board
he is said to have informed the French Consul
that Mr. Raymond was smuggling opium. The
Consul thereupon telegraphed to Halphong and
Mr. Raymond was arrested. He served five
days in prison and paid a fine of \$500. On
returning to Hongkong he reported to the
police and McKinley was arrested. He was
remanded until Monday, bail being allowed.

MEMORANDA.

TO-MORROW, 31st October.

Indian Mail due.

8.00 p.m.—Entertainment at R.E.'s Theatre
Wallington Barracks.8.30 p.m.—Social Evening at the B.M.M.O.A.
Room.9.00 p.m.—Concert in the Victoria Concert Hall,
Dundell Street.It is reported that the Minister of Education at
Seoul has published, at the expense of the
Korean Government, a remarkable work, land-
ing Confucianism and ridiculing foreigners and
their inventions. Exquisite! But why doesn't
the Korean Government put a well educated
man at the head of the Education Department?
If it did, about 50 years hence the Ruler of
Korea—whoever it is—might be able to fill all
the seats in the Cabinet with really intelligent
and highly educated gentlemen.THE *Kobe Chronicle* gives the following example
of the way the Japanese "shut down" on Chinese
obstruction:—In reference to the Regulations
recently issued by the Chinese Government
relating to the steam services between Shanghai,
Soochow, and Hangchow, the Japanese Consul
at those places have issued a notification to the
Japanese resident at each place to the effect that
the Regulations in question are in contravention
of the Shimoda-Treaty, and they are not ap-
proved by the Japanese Government, so that the
regulations are not binding on the Japanese and
may be ignored.—The regulations were published
by authority to the Shanghai papers as adver-
tisements and filled about two columns of each
issue.BIDS for the three 11,000 ton battleships
authorized by the last Congress were opened at
the Navy Department, Washington, on Sept.
12th. The bidders and the prices submitted were:
—The Newport News Shipbuilding and
Dry Dock Company, of Virginia, one ship for
\$2,595,000; John H. Dalgous & Son, of
Camden, N. J., one ship for \$2,661,000; the Bath
Iron Works of Maine, one ship for \$2,680,000;
William Cramp & Sons' Ship and Engine
Building Company, of Philadelphia, one ship for
\$2,750,000, and two for \$3,650,000 each, the
Union Iron Works, of San Francisco, one ship
for \$2,675,950. The lowest three bidders are
in order, the Newport News Company, Cramp &
Sons, and the Union Iron Works, the latter com-
pany being allowed a margin of four per cent.
above the lowest Eastern bid to offset the differ-
ence in prices between the Atlantic and Pacific
coasts. The limit of cost fixed for each ship was
\$3,750,000 including the hull armour. It is esti-
mated that the armour can be supplied for less
than a million dollars for each ship, so that the
vessels complete can be built well within the
appropriation.In the strife for new markets the American mer-
chants are urged to follow the example of Germans
in the measures employed to promote foreign trade;
the British are called upon to imitate the
Americans in their methods, and now the French
Minister of Commerce has written a letter to the
Paris Chamber of Commerce asking that body
to induce French merchants to follow the ex-
ample of their British competitors in promoting trade
with Japan. The fact of the matter is that there
are some general rules which must govern all
competitors in the rivalry for foreign trade,
but the rest must depend upon the indi-
viduality or genius of each particular nation in
finding means for outdistancing its rivals.
What may answer in one case will be of little
use in another. But, says the *New York Mar-
itime Register*, in every instance the greatest
energy, watchfulness, and devotion are always
necessary both to promote and to hold trade.
An English publication, for instance, contains
commercial information in the Japanese lan-
guage, compiled by British merchants, with
descriptions of the articles in which they trade.
The Paris Chamber of Commerce now wants
French merchants to publish a Franco-Japanese
journal of like character to the English. And
so the fight—for fight it is—goes on, with the
shrewdest and most energetic in the lead.SAYS the Sydney Telegraph of 25th September:
—The law of libel, according to the construction
put upon it by Mr. Justice Stephen, attaches
great importance to those who constitute "the
public" in courts, and who are usually people
who go there because they have nothing
else to do. Publication of the details of
criminal cases is regulated, indeed, by the
hearing of these persons, the judge's
advice to newspaper proprietors being that
they should not report "anything beyond what
was heard by that portion of the public who
were present at the proceedings." The difficulty
of putting this into practice, and the injustice
that might attach to doing so, are very great. If,
for instance, the occupants of a remote public
gallery swore that they had not heard certain
evidence which had been reported, the publica-
tion of that evidence would presumably be libel-
lous. On the other hand, if a newspaper published
a garbled account of a case, and the publishers
could prove that what was reported was what
was heard by the public, that would not be
libellous, the spirit of the law having been
followed, though the letter of it had been
infringed. And if there did not happen to be
any of the public present when a case
was being tried, what would be the publish-
ing possibilities in relation to those of
the law of libel? A complete settlement of
the unemployed problem would obviously
have a powerful effect on the rights of news-
papers, because the available court public would
diminish away, and there would be a great scarcity
of ears to justify publication. An accused person
who desired to have his character cleared would
have to indemnify the newspapers by engaging
a number of people to "come on" as the public,
like supernumeraries at the play, and double
in time, when the new industry became a
regular one, would also have to pay an extra fee
to make certain that his listeners would hear
his side of the case, and testify accordingly.
Leaving that aside, it is plain that the law as it
has just been interpreted may do as much harm
to editors as publishers. If it is acted upon, the
only question that could arise with respect to an
incomplete or deceiving report would be whether
or not the published account tallied with what
was heard in the public gallery.

CRICKET.

H. K. C. & RIFLE BRIGADE.

This two days' match was commenced at 2
o'clock this afternoon and will be continued
to-morrow at 11 a.m. For the Club, Matt con-
tributed a carefully compiled 39 and looked like
making his half-century when his colleagues was
bowled and he had to carry out his bat. For the
Rifles Mr. Thresher made a good start with 30,
while Captain Ferguson's 13 not out gives
promise at some tallish scoring to-morrow.
When stumps were drawn the scores stood as
follows:—

HONGKONG CLUB.	
T. B. Smith, b Green	0
G. P. Campbell, c Ferguson b Alexander	13
R. B. Carter, c Piley b Green	0
Rev. G. R. Vailing, c Green b Thresher	37
A. S. Astor, c Green	0
Capt. Flynn, b Green	0
F. Meiland, b Thresher	0
K. Mast, not out	16
A. Mackenzie, c Green	0
H. Arthur, b Green	13

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